cences only upto Rs. 5 crores per party, they have issued repeated licences to the same parties, individually below this limit but collectively well above this limit, thus taking advantage of the loophole in policy which permitted them from not referring the case to ALC;

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any punitive action against the erring officers; and

(e) what is the control mechanism used by Government to ensure that the same party is not issued licences, on the same day repeatedly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) No Sir, However, in a few cases, it has been found that firms who obtained Value Based Licences are not functioning/existing. All such cases are being investigated by the Enforcement-cum-Adjudication Division of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) is also conducting independent investigation into the alleged misuse of VBAL scheme.

(c) to (e) Licensing authorities under the Directorate General of Foreign Trade are authorised to issue licences upto specified values. An exporter can get an advance licence from a licensing authority if he has a valid export order. Therefore, there is no irregularity in issuing one or more licences to the same firm against separate export orders.

Allocation of Palmolein to Madhya Pradesh Under PDS

*315. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to allocate additional quota of Palmolein to Madhya Pradesh for distribution through Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the district-wise allocation of Palmolein during the year 1994-95 against the demand; and

(d) the action taken by Government so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) In view of no demand for palmolein from the Government of Madhya Pradesh to Central Government, there is no proposal to allocate palmolein to the State of Madhya Pradesh. Allocation of 1500 MTs. of palmolein made to the State for the month of October, 1993, was also not lifted by the State Government. District-wise suballocation of the allocation made by the Central Government to States/U.Ts. is made by the respective State Govts./U.T. Administrations and the Central Government does not have any information in this regard.

Action Plan for Elimination of Child Labour

*316. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

SHRI VIREN J. AHAH :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the action plan launched by Government for improving the working conditions and creating disincentives for employing children;

(b) what steps Government have so far taken for eliminating child labour in manufacturing, construction and service industries;

(c) the number of children employed in each sector State-wise as on 18th February, 1994;